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Connecticut's unemployment rate dropped to 3.8 percent in February, the lowest seasonally adjusted rate in over 15 years, State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro reports. At the same time, other economic factors improved during the month, with record personal income and fewer claims for unemployment benefits.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Since February 1985, the state's economy has advanced sharply with total employment rising by 38,800 in 12 months to 1,568,500 (page 2), while the number of jobless workers declined by nearly 20,000. Compared with the previous month, February employment in manufacturing was down because of several labor management disputes and off 2 percent from 1985. There was little monthly change in nonmanufacturing where employment was up from a year earlier in all categories. The largest annual job gains occurred in services (up 16,600), trade (up 13,100) and finance, insurance and real estate (up 7,400). Construction added 6,600 workers over the year. Employment was up from last year in all labor market areas except Waterbury which experienced a 1 percent decline (pages 5 & 6).

Earnings of factory production workers averaged $408.66 weekly at $9.80 an hour (page 3) down from January because of less overtime for a 41.7-hour week compared with 42.2. February's weekly and hourly wages were higher than last year by $8.08 and 33-cents, respectively. Straight-time earnings at $9.40 hourly and $376 weekly were up slightly from January and 4.1 percent above February 1985 when wages for a 40-hour week were $9.03 an hour and $361.20 weekly. Workers in the Bristol area received the highest weekly wage at $462.93, followed by Middletown, $456.23; New Britain, $429.06; Hartford, $427.98, New London/Norwich, $425.18 and Bridgeport, $418.41. Construction workers received the highest weekly wage, $601.64, followed by those in transportation equipment, chemicals, machinery, primary metals and paper.

Unemployment: Unemployment in the state decreased by 3,500 to 73,600 or 4.3 percent (4.5 percent in January) and the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was down to more than a 15-year low of 3.8 percent (page 4). Last year, there were an estimated 93,400 jobless for a 5.6 actual and 5 percent seasonally adjusted rate. Connecticut's unemployment situation remains substantially under February's national rates of 7.8 percent (actual) and 7.3 percent seasonally adjusted. Thirteen labor market areas had lower unemployment and there were slight increases in Willimantic and Norwalk. Unemployment was down in all areas over the year. Included in the unemployment estimate are people receiving unemployment compensation, others whose benefits expired or they were ineligible and those entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: In addition to lower unemployment, other economic indicators (page 7) improved during February. Personal income of state residents was at an all-time high of nearly $4 billion, 718 million, first-time claims for unemployment compensation were down and registrations for new automobiles exceeded the February 1985 figures.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household, self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985(R)	% Change Feb. '86 over Jan. '86	% Change Feb. '86 over Feb. '85
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,568,500*	1,571,100*	1,529,700*	- 0.2	+ 2.5
Manufacturing.....	406,800*	409,700*	415,400*	- 0.7	- 2.1
Durable.....	303,800	306,400	313,000*	- 0.8	- 2.9
Lumber & Furniture.....	7,700	7,800	7,400	- 1.3	+ 4.1
Primary Metals.....	13,800	14,000	15,500	- 1.4	- 11.0
Fabricated Metals.....	46,700*	48,100	50,100*	- 2.9	- 6.8
Machinery exc. Elec.....	48,000*	48,500	51,200	- 1.0	- 6.2
Electrical Equipment....	60,000	59,500	61,400	+ 0.8	- 2.3
Transportation Equipment	84,700	85,500	83,600	- 0.9	+ 1.3
Instruments & Clocks....	27,600	27,500	28,000	+ 0.4	- 1.4
Other Durable.....	15,300	15,500	15,800	- 1.3	- 3.2
Nondurable.....	103,000*	103,300*	102,400	- 0.3	+ 0.6
Food.....	13,100	13,200	12,800	- 0.8	+ 2.3
Textiles.....	5,800	5,800	5,900	0.0	- 1.7
Apparel.....	9,500*	9,700*	9,500	- 2.1	0.0
Paper.....	9,700	9,700	9,700	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing...	27,400	27,500	26,900	- 0.4	+ 1.9
Chemicals.....	23,100	23,100	22,400	0.0	+ 3.1
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	13,000	12,900	13,700	+ 0.8	- 5.1
Other Nondurable.....	1,400	1,400	1,500	0.0	- 6.7
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,161,700	1,161,400*	1,114,300	0.0**	+ 4.3
Construction & Mining....	62,700	64,500	56,100	- 2.8	- 11.8
Transportation.....	36,800	36,800	35,300	0.0	+ 4.3
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	14,000	13,800	13,700	+ 1.4	+ 2.2
Other Transportation....	22,800	23,000	21,600	- 0.9	+ 5.6
Communications.....	19,800	19,800	19,500	0.0	+ 1.5
Utilities.....	12,600	12,700	12,600	- 0.8	0.0
Trade.....	346,800	350,500	333,700	- 1.1	+ 3.9
Wholesale.....	81,900	82,000	80,600	- 0.1	+ 1.6
Retail.....	264,900	268,500	253,100	- 1.3	+ 4.7
General Merchandise....	34,900	37,300	33,900	- 6.4	+ 3.0
Food Stores.....	47,800	47,900	45,300	- 0.2	+ 5.5
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	30,000	30,200	28,400	- 0.7	+ 5.6
Restaurants.....	76,400	75,700	73,500	+ 0.9	+ 3.9
Other Retail Trade.....	75,800	77,400	72,000	- 2.1	+ 5.3
Finance, Ins. &..R.E.....	133,900	133,700	126,500	+ 0.2	+ 5.8
Banking.....	30,300	30,300	28,800	0.0	+ 5.2
Insurance.....	73,900	73,700	70,700	+ 0.3	+ 4.5
Real Estate.....	12,600	12,700	11,100	- 0.8	+ 13.5
Other Fin.,Ins. & R.E...	17,100	17,000	15,900	+ 0.6	+ 7.5
Services.....	356,600	355,300*	340,000	+ 0.4	+ 4.9
Hotels.....	9,600	9,500	8,400	+ 1.1	+ 14.3
Personal Services.....	17,900	17,700	16,900	+ 1.1	+ 5.9
Business Services.....	80,100	79,700	75,100	+ 0.5	+ 6.7
Health Services.....	112,600	113,000*	109,700	- 0.4	+ 2.6
Law & Professional.....	28,000	27,800	25,800	+ 0.7	+ 8.5
Educational Services....	34,200	33,300	33,200	+ 2.7	+ 3.0
Other Services.....	74,200	74,300	70,900	- 0.1	+ 4.7
Government.....	192,500	188,100	190,600	+ 2.3	+ 1.0
Federal.....	23,500	23,400	22,700	+ 0.4	+ 3.5
State & Local.....	169,000	164,700	167,900	+ 2.6	+ 0.7

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
**Less than 0.05 percent.

E A R N I N G S A N D H O U R S

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)	$408.66	$413.98	$400.58	41.7	42.2	42.3	$ 9.80	$ 9.81	$ 9.47
DURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	422.42	426.85	413.34	42.2	42.6	42.7	10.01	10.02	9.68
Lumber & Furniture.....	317.52	323.51	298.08	42.0	42.4	41.4	7.56	7.63	7.20
Primary Metals.....	454.39	440.51	443.44	44.9	43.4	44.3	10.12	10.15	10.01
Fabricated Metals.....	390.51	390.77	376.09	41.9	42.2	42.4	9.32	9.26	8.87
Machinery.....	463.08	467.42	441.53	43.4	43.4	43.5	10.67	10.77	10.15
Electrical Equipment.....	348.61	352.80	336.17	41.6	42.0	41.4	8.38	8.40	8.12
Transportation Equipment.....	507.03	515.82	520.80	41.8	42.7	43.4	12.13	12.08	12.00
Instruments and Clocks.....	396.68	406.85	392.47	42.7	43.7	43.9	9.29	9.31	8.94
Other Durable Mfg.....	370.96	374.83	351.44	40.9	41.1	41.2	9.07	9.12	8.53
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	369.15	375.97	357.82	40.3	41.0	40.8	9.16	9.17	8.77
Food.....	373.68	395.83	374.43	41.2	42.7	42.5	9.07	9.27	8.81
Textiles.....	304.00	309.67	285.59	40.0	40.8	39.5	7.60	7.59	7.23
Apparel.....	235.31	238.55	224.72	38.2	39.3	36.9	6.16	6.07	6.09
Paper.....	442.73	456.72	431.64	42.9	44.0	43.6	10.32	10.38	9.90
Printing and Publishing.....	346.14	357.00	357.88	37.3	38.1	38.9	9.28	9.37	9.20
Chemicals.....	487.62	489.62	454.54	43.0	43.1	42.4	11.34	11.36	10.67
Rubber and Misc. Plastics....	328.46	327.23	323.89	40.5	40.7	41.9	8.11	8.04	7.73
Other Nondurable Mfg.....	298.20	316.88	305.14	35.5	37.5	38.0	8.40	8.45	8.03
CONSTRUCTION.....	601.64	617.94	571.52	39.4	40.1	37.6	15.27	15.41	15.20

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY STATISTICAL AREA

	Feb. 1986		Jan. 1986(R)		Feb. 1985(R)	
	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals* Actual...	73,600	4.3	77,100	4.5	93,400	5.6
Seasonally Adjusted...		(3.8)		(3.9)		(5.0)
Statistical Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport.....	11,600	5.1	12,300	5.4	13,600	6.1
Bristol.....	2,000	5.3	2,000	5.4	2,500	6.7
Danbury.....	3,700	3.3	4,100	3.7	5,200	4.8
Danielson.....	2,200	6.5	2,300	6.7	3,300	9.6
Hartford.....	15,800	3.9	16,400	4.0	21,300	5.3
Middletown.....	1,600	3.3	1,700	3.6	2,200	4.7
Lower River.....	500	3.2	600	3.5	700	4.3
New Britain.....	3,800	5.3	4,000	5.5	4,700	6.5
New Haven.....	11,300	4.3	11,900	4.5	14,700	5.7
New London/Norwich...	6,000	4.6	6,200	4.8	7,200	5.6
Norwalk.....	2,600	3.3	2,500	3.2	3,500	4.5
Stamford.....	3,400	3.0	3,800	3.3	4,300	3.8
Torrington.....	2,300	5.1	2,400	5.2	3,200	7.1
Waterbury.....	6,500	6.3	6,500	6.4	6,700	6.5
Willimantic.....	1,200	4.1	1,100	4.0	1,200	4.4
Civilian U.S.						
Total-Actual.....	9,041,000	7.8	8,472,000	7.3	8,902,000	7.8
Seasonally Adjusted....		(7.3)		(6.7)		(6.9)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Feb. '86	Jan. '86	Feb. '85
All Items.....	327.5	328.4	317.4
Percent Change From.....	XXX	- 0.3	+ 3.2

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

Statistical Area	Feb.'86	Jan.'86	Feb.'85(R)	Percent Change to February 86 from: Jan.'86	Feb.'85
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Empl.	191,260*	191,410	185,600	+ 0.1	+ 3.0
Manufacturing	62,100*	62,570	63,870	- 0.8	- 2.8
Nonmanufacturing	129,160	128,840	121,730	+ 0.2	+ 6.1
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Empl.	24,450	24,640	24,410	- 0.8	+ 0.2
Manufacturing	8,810	8,880	9,470	- 0.8	- 7.0
Nonmanufacturing	15,640	15,760	14,940	- 0.8	+ 4.7
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	78,850	79,020	76,130	- 0.2	+ 3.6
Manufacturing	26,410	26,530	27,520	- 0.5	- 4.0
Nonmanufacturing	52,440	52,490	48,610	- 0.1	+ 7.9
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,290	22,330	21,660	- 0.2	+ 2.9
Manufacturing	9,410	9,480	9,760	- 0.7	- 3.6
Nonmanufacturing	12,880	12,850	11,900	+ 0.2	+ 8.2
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	447,280*	449,110*	432,820	- 0.4	+ 3.3
Manufacturing	92,500*	94,310*	93,790	- 1.9	- 1.4
Nonmanufacturing	354,780	354,800*	339,030	- 0.1	+ 4.6
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	41,520	41,580	40,010	- 0.1	+ 3.8
Manufacturing	10,450	10,690	9,870	- 2.2	+ 5.9
Nonmanufacturing	31,070	30,890	30,140	+ 0.6	+ 3.1
LOWER RIVER					
Total Nonag. Empl.	12,910	13,040	12,510	- 1.0	+ 3.2
Manufacturing	4,590	4,700	4,790	- 2.3	- 4.2
Nonmanufacturing	8,320	8,340	7,720	- 0.2	+ 7.8
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	62,330	62,390	61,800*	- 0.1	+ 0.9
Manufacturing	22,450	22,510	23,580*	- 0.3	- 4.8
Nonmanufacturing	39,880	39,880	38,220	0.0	+ 4.3
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	235,810	235,280	231,670	+ 0.2	+ 1.8
Manufacturing	46,600	46,620	48,690	- 0.1	- 4.3
Nonmanufacturing	189,210	188,660	182,980	+ 0.3	+ 3.4
NEW LONDON-NORWICH**					
Total Nonag. Empl.	112,350	112,980	111,410	- 0.6	+ 0.8
Manufacturing	34,760	34,810	35,730	- 0.1	+ 2.7
Nonmanufacturing	77,590	78,170	75,680	- 0.7	+ 2.5
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Empl.	70,090	70,550	68,190	- 0.7	+ 2.8
Manufacturing	21,400	21,500	21,500	- 0.5	- 0.5
Nonmanufacturing	48,690	49,050	46,690	- 0.7	+ 4.3
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	120,860	121,270	117,650	- 0.3	+ 2.7
Manufacturing	27,470	27,470	29,080	0.0	- 5.5
Nonmanufacturing	93,390	93,800	88,570	- 0.4	+ 5.4

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)

Statistical Area	Feb.'86	Jan.'86	Feb.'85(R)	Percent Change to Feb.'86 from: Jan.'86	Feb.'85
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	29,590	29,920	28,580	- 1.1	+ 3.5
Manufacturing	7,250	7,360	7,260	- 1.5	- 0.1
Nonmanufacturing	22,340	22,560	21,320	- 1.0	+ 4.8
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	84,130	84,810	84,980	- 0.8	- 1.0
Manufacturing	27,640	27,870	29,590	- 0.8	- 6.6
Nonmanufacturing	56,490	56,940	55,390	- 0.8	+ 2.0
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,410	20,340	21,960	+ 10.2	+ 2.0
Manufacturing	1,730	1,720	1,940	+ 0.6	- 10.8
Nonmanufacturing	20,680	18,620	20,020	+ 11.1	+ 3.3

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

** The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are a part of the New London-Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the estimates.

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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985
Bridgeport	$418.41	$411.27	$417.73	40.9	40.4	41.4	$10.23	$10.18	$10.09
Bristol	462.93	460.64	432.01	42.2	41.8	41.7	10.97	11.02	10.36
Danbury	391.92	399.23	388.08	42.6	43.3	43.9	9.20	9.22	8.84
Danielson	351.94	356.29	348.60	40.5	41.0	41.5	8.69	8.69	8.40
Hartford	427.98	434.69	421.18	42.0	42.7	42.5	10.19	10.18	9.91
Middletown	456.23	455.36	468.50	41.4	41.7	43.5	11.02	10.92	10.77
Lower River	315.61	327.57	324.00	39.5	41.1	41.7	7.99	7.97	7.77
New Britain	429.06	427.01	401.10	41.9	41.7	42.0	10.24	10.24	9.55
New Haven	387.69	393.95	375.23	41.2	41.6	41.6	9.41	9.47	9.02
New London-Norwich*	425.18	458.70	433.13	38.9	41.7	40.9	10.93	11.00	10.59
Norwalk	410.94	422.45	390.09	41.3	42.5	41.9	9.95	9.94	9.31
Stamford	410.22	418.50	391.92	40.1	41.6	42.6	10.23	10.06	9.20
Torrington	318.94	318.52	309.96	41.1	41.1	42.0	7.76	7.75	7.38
Waterbury	361.09	368.42	343.13	43.4	43.6	43.6	8.32	8.45	7.87
Willimantic	385.53	383.72	373.68	42.6	42.4	43.2	9.05	9.05	8.65

*The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are a part of the New London-Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the estimates.

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the statistical areas generally take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment		Personal Income Millions
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Seasonally Adj.
1985							
Jan....	1532.2	1553.1	7209	4829	5.5	4.8	4452.5
Feb....	1529.7	1553.2	3943	4743	5.6	5.0	4481.3
Mar....	1543.2	1558.8	3375	4654	5.1	4.8	4484.8
Apr....	1557.3	1559.4	3827	4605	4.9	4.9	4480.4
May....	1567.6	1560.7	3513	4634	4.8	5.0	4490.8
Jun....	1582.7	1564.3	4468	4672	5.0	5.1	4506.2
Jul....	1564.0	1570.0	6658	4592	5.3	5.2	4521.6
Aug....	1569.8	1585.9	4360	4831	4.8	5.0	4564.7
Sep....	1583.6	1573.9	2685	4095	4.3	4.8	4579.8
Oct....	1592.7	1581.5	3508	4532	4.2	4.7	4607.5
Nov....	1598.0	1582.6	3484	3889	4.2	4.5	4635.7
Dec....	1601.2	1580.8	6828	3943	4.6	4.6	4652.6
1986							
Jan....	1571.1	1591.8	7749	5190	4.5	3.9	4690.4
Feb....	1568.5	1592.4	3936	4736	4.3	3.8	4717.9
Mar....							
Apr....							
May....							
Jun....							
Jul....							
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1985						
Jan....	8869	10738	42.4	42.3	128.6	124.2
Feb....	10792	14910	42.3	42.3	127.8	123.7
Mar....	20947	18643	42.1	42.1	128.8	123.9
Apr....	17866	19346	41.8	41.8	127.7	122.8
May....	16611	15787	41.6	41.7	125.6	121.4
Jun....	13322	11205	41.8	41.9	126.7	122.8
Jul....	14158	16062	41.5	41.7	105.7	122.2
Aug....	15383	13216	41.2	41.6	107.8	122.9
Sep....	17175	15667	41.6	41.7	126.4	123.2
Oct....	23513	24287	41.7	41.7	127.4	124.0
Nov....	11821	10058	42.3	42.0	129.5	124.0
Dec....	11690	13543	42.6	42.1	115.6	122.4
1986						
Jan....	17276	20915	42.2	42.2	129.8	125.3
Feb....	11525	15920	41.7	41.7	128.5	124.4
Mar....						
Apr....						
May....						
Jun....						
Jul....						
Aug....						
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

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CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid (000)	Employer Contributions Collected (000)
1971	69,403	$ 229,238	$ 63,191
1972	51,737	161,851	92,681
1973	36,314	117,610	114,163
1974	49,255	163,258	124,859
1975	83,971	298,345	140,940
1976	67,864	238,013	164,922
1977	53,699	193,150	177,719
1978	37,220	138,351	189,892
1979	30,876	114,926	181,376
1980	37,463	163,644	174,402
1981	36,507	173,725	167,840
1982	47,952	262,962	183,733
1983	40,251	232,255	201,578
1984	25,428	154,180	238,511
1985	26,449	177,887	249,065
Jan'85	35,726	$ 19,865	$ 7,284
Feb	34,383	19,148	16,465
Mar	31,626	17,506	725
Apr	26,482	15,989	23,796
May	23,399	13,640	108,676
Jun	23,058	11,704	1,253
Jul	28,166	16,390	19,981
Aug	28,186	13,961	39,050
Sep	21,757	11,923	886
Oct	19,713	12,005	9,898
Nov	20,113	10,774	20,391
Dec	24,780	14,978	658
Jan'86	39,301	21,606	7,426
Feb	33,020	19,053	16,808
Mar			
Apr			
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Jul			
Aug			
Sep			
Oct			
Nov			
Dec			

*Interest bearing

Federal Loans (000)	
1972	$ 31,800
1973	21,700
1974	8,500
1975	203,000
1976	137,000
1977	75,000
1978	37,000
1983	63,806*

Direct Loan Repayments (000)	
1976	$ 26,000
1977	27,300
1978	37,300
1979	39,600
1984	30,876
1985	32,930

Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction (000)	
1975	$ 12,906
1981	46,537
1982	49,496
1983	53,975
1984	57,349
1985	61,138
1986 (thru 2/28/86)	1,041

Total Outstanding Loans - (2/28/86)

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April 1986

Employment in Connecticut reached a 1986 high in March as unemployment declined, hourly factory wages and personal income set new records and other economic indicators improved, State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro reports.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Jobs increased by 12,600 from February to 1,581,100 in March which was 37,900 above the same month last year, while unemployment dropped. Substantial improvement was recorded in nonmanufacturing employment which totaled 1,173,500, up from 1,161,700 the month before and 4.1 percent higher than 1,127,300 in March 1985 (page 2). Monthly and annual increases were recorded in all categories, with major gains in construction, retail trade, real estate, hotels and various other service categories. The manufacturing sector, where there were several labor/management disputes, also added 800 jobs over the month. All labor markets in the state recorded increased monthly employment (pages 5 & 6), up also from last year.

Hourly wages of manufacturing workers rose four-cents over the month to a new high of $9.84 (page 3) and average weekly earnings increased to $412.30 for a slightly longer workweek of 41.9 hours. Hourly and weekly earnings last year were $9.45 and $397.85 for a 42.1-hour week. For a 40-hour week in March, workers earned $9.42 per hour and $376.80 weekly, 4.3 percent above 1985 levels when the rates were $9.03 and $361.20. Weekly wages of Bristol area workers were the highest at $455.34, followed by Middletown, New London/Norwich, Hartford, New Britain and Stamford (page 6). The highest weekly wages were paid in construction, $604.86; transportation equipment, $519.29; chemicals, $490.75; machinery, $464.58 and primary metals, $459.80.

Unemployment: Statewide unemployment dropped by 5,800 from 73,600 (4.3%) in February to 67,800 (4%) in March (page 4). The seasonally adjusted rate was unchanged at 3.8 percent, the lowest in over 15 years. State rates continued well under comparable national figures of 7.5 percent, seasonally adjusted to 7.2 percent. Unemployment declined over the month and from last year in each of the state's 15 labor market areas. The estimated unemployment rate includes people receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits expired and those entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: Elsewhere in the state's economy (page 7), there were fewer new (initial) claims for unemployment insurance benefits, increased employment and lower unemployment, manufacturing output advanced and the workweek was longer. Personal income of state residents also rose in March to a record $4 billion, 728 million.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household, self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	Mar. 1986	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985(R)	% Change Mar. '86 over Feb. '86	% Change Mar. '86 over Mar. '85
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,581,100*	1,568,500*	1,543,200*	+ 0.8	+ 2.5
Manufacturing.....	407,600*	406,800*	415,900*	+ 0.2	- 2.0
Durable.....	304,700	303,800	313,200*	+ 0.3	- 2.7
Lumber & Furniture.....	7,800	7,700	7,400	+ 1.3	+ 5.4
Primary Metals.....	13,900	13,800	15,200	+ 0.7	- 8.6
Fabricated Metals.....	46,800*	46,700	50,000*	+ 0.2	- 6.4
Machinery exc. Elec.....	47,900*	48,000*	51,400	- 0.2	- 6.8
Electrical Equipment....	60,200	60,000	61,600	+ 0.3	- 2.3
Transportation Equipment	84,800	84,700	83,700	+ 0.1	+ 1.3
Instruments & Clocks....	27,800	27,600	27,900	+ 0.7	- 0.4
Other Durable.....	15,500	15,300	16,000	+ 1.3	- 3.1
Nondurable.....	102,900*	103,000*	102,700	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Food.....	13,200	13,100	13,000	+ 0.8	+ 1.5
Textiles.....	5,800	5,800	5,900	0.0	- 1.7
Apparel.....	9,400*	9,500*	9,500	- 1.1	- 1.1
Paper.....	9,700	9,700	9,700	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing...	27,500	27,400	27,000	+ 0.4	+ 1.9
Chemicals.....	23,100	23,100	22,400	0.0	+ 3.1
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	12,800	13,000	13,700	- 1.5	- 6.6
Other Nondurable.....	1,400	1,400	1,500	0.0	- 6.7
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,173,500	1,161,700*	1,127,300	+ 1.0	+ 4.1
Construction & Mining....	64,900	62,700	59,600	+ 3.5	+ 8.9
Transportation.....	37,300	36,800	36,000	+ 1.4	+ 3.6
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	14,100	14,000	13,800	+ 0.7	+ 2.2
Other Transportation....	23,200	22,800	22,200	+ 1.8	+ 4.5
Communications.....	19,700	19,800	19,400	- 0.5	+ 1.5
Utilities.....	12,600	12,600	12,600	0.0	0.0
Trade.....	350,700	346,800	337,200	+ 1.1	+ 4.0
Wholesale.....	82,500	81,900	81,200	+ 0.7	+ 1.6
Retail.....	268,200	264,900	256,000	+ 1.2	+ 4.8
General Merchandise....	35,200	34,900	34,200	+ 0.9	+ 2.9
Food Stores.....	48,700	47,800	46,500	+ 1.9	+ 4.7
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	30,300	30,000	28,600	+ 1.0	+ 5.9
Restaurants.....	77,700	76,400	74,400	+ 1.7	+ 4.4
Other Retail Trade.....	76,300	75,800	72,300	+ 0.7	+ 5.5
Finance, Ins. &..R.E.....	134,800	133,900	127,100	+ 0.7	+ 6.1
Banking.....	30,500	30,300	28,900	+ 0.7	+ 5.5
Insurance.....	74,400	73,900	71,000	+ 0.7	+ 4.8
Real Estate.....	12,700	12,600	11,200	+ 0.8	+ 13.4
Other Fin.,Ins. & R.E...	17,200	17,100	16,000	+ 0.6	+ 7.5
Services.....	359,700	356,600*	344,000	+ 0.9	+ 4.6
Hotels.....	9,600	9,600	8,400	0.0	+ 14.3
Personal Services.....	18,000	17,900	17,100	+ 0.6	+ 5.3
Business Services.....	81,100	80,100	76,000	+ 1.2	+ 6.7
Health Services.....	113,100	112,600*	110,000	+ 0.4	+ 2.8
Law & Professional.....	28,200	28,000	26,000	+ 0.7	+ 8.5
Educational Services....	34,800	34,200	33,500	+ 1.8	+ 3.9
Other Services.....	74,900	74,200	73,000	+ 0.9	+ 2.6
Government.....	193,800	192,500	191,400	+ 0.7	+ 1.3
Federal.....	23,500	23,500	22,700	0.0	+ 3.5
State & Local.....	170,300	169,000	168,700	+ 0.8	+ 0.9

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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EARNINGS AND HOURS

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Mar. 1986	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985	Mar. 1986	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985	Mar. 1986	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)	$412.30	$408.66	$397.85	41.9	41.7	42.1	$ 9.84	$ 9.80	$ 9.45
DURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	425.70	422.42	411.52	42.4	42.2	42.6	10.04	10.01	9.66
Lumber & Furniture.....	318.44	317.52	306.79	41.9	42.0	42.2	7.60	7.56	7.27
Primary Metals..... ...	459.80	454.39	433.38	45.3	44.9	43.6	10.15	10.12	9.94
Fabricated Metals.....	389.58	390.51	371.28	41.8	41.9	42.0	9.32	9.32	8.84
Machinery.....	464.58	463.08	446.46	43.5	43.4	43.6	10.68	10.67	10.24
Electrical Equipment.....	347.35	348.61	336.57	41.4	41.6	41.5	8.39	8.38	8.11
Transportation Equipment.....	519.29	507.03	517.33	42.6	41.8	43.4	12.19	12.13	11.92
Instruments and Clocks.....	397.18	396.68	390.60	42.8	42.7	43.4	9.28	9.29	9.00
Other Durable Mfg.....	373.51	370.96	349.81	41.0	40.9	41.3	9.11	9.07	8.47
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	373.82	369.15	356.53	40.5	40.3	40.7	9.23	9.16	8.76
Food.....	366.00	373.68	370.86	40.0	41.2	42.0	9.15	9.07	8.83
Textiles.....	312.30	304.00	286.63	41.2	40.0	39.7	7.58	7.60	7.22
Apparel.....	233.87	235.31	229.66	37.6	38.2	37.1	6.22	6.16	6.19
Paper.....	453.00	442.73	422.26	43.6	42.9	43.0	10.39	10.32	9.82
Printing and Publishing.....	350.63	346.14	347.09	37.5	37.3	38.1	9.35	9.28	9.11
Chemicals.....	490.75	487.62	461.60	43.2	43.0	43.1	11.36	11.34	10.71
Rubber and Misc. Plastics....	339.49	328.46	329.52	41.3	40.5	42.3	8.22	8.11	7.79
Other Nondurable Mfg.....	309.16	298.20	289.42	35.7	35.5	37.2	8.66	8.40	7.78
CONSTRUCTION.....	604.86	601.64	602.55	39.2	39.4	39.0	15.43	15.27	15.45

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY STATISTICAL AREA

	Mar. 1986		Feb. 1986(R)		Mar. 1985(R)	
	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals* Actual...	67,800	4.0	73,600	4.3	86,100	5.1
Seasonally Adjusted...		(3.8)		(3.8)		(4.8)
Statistical Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport.....	11,200	4.9	11,600	5.1	12,400	5.6
Bristol.....	1,700	4.5	2,000	5.3	2,300	6.0
Danbury.....	3,500	3.2	3,700	3.3	4,600	4.2
Danielson.....	2,100	6.1	2,200	6.5	2,700	8.1
Hartford.....	14,100	3.4	15,800	3.9	19,900	5.0
Middletown.....	1,500	3.1	1,600	3.3	2,100	4.5
Lower River.....	400	2.7	500	3.2	600	3.8
New Britain.....	3,500	4.8	3,800	5.3	4,300	5.9
New Haven.....	10,100	3.8	11,300	4.3	13,500	5.2
New London/Norwich...	5,500	4.3	6,000	4.6	6,900	5.3
Norwalk.....	2,300	3.0	2,600	3.3	3,100	4.0
Stamford.....	3,200	2.8	3,400	3.0	3,700	3.3
Torrington.....	2,200	4.9	2,300	5.1	2,900	6.6
Waterbury.....	6,000	5.9	6,500	6.3	6,800	6.6
Willimantic.....	1,000	3.4	1,200	4.1	1,100	3.8
Civilian U.S. Total-Actual.....	8,667,000	7.5	9,041,000	7.8	8,625,000	7.5
Seasonally Adjusted....		(7.2)		(7.3)		(7.3)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Mar. '86	Feb. '86	Mar. '85
All Items.....	326.0	327.5	318.8
Percent Change From.....	xxx	- 0.5	+ 2.3

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

Statistical Area	Mar.'86	Feb.'86	Mar.'85(R)	Percent Change to March'86 from: Feb.'86	Mar.'85
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Empl.	192,320	191,260*	187,160	+ 0.5	+ 2.8
Manufacturing	62,310	62,100*	63,990	+ 0.3	- 2.6
Nonmanufacturing	130,010	129,160	123,170	+ 0.7	+ 5.5
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Empl.	24,600	24,450	24,670	+ 0.6	- 0.3
Manufacturing	8,740	8,810	9,460	- 0.8	- 7.6
Nonmanufacturing	15,860	15,640	15,210	+ 1.4	+ 4.3
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	79,480	78,850	77,260	+ 0.8	+ 2.9
Manufacturing	26,260	26,410	27,440	- 0.6	- 4.3
Nonmanufacturing	53,220	52,440	49,820	+ 1.5	+ 6.8
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,350	22,290	21,910	+ 0.3	+ 2.0
Manufacturing	9,340	9,410	9,790	- 0.7	- 4.6
Nonmanufacturing	13,010	12,880	12,120	+ 1.0	+ 7.3
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	451,060*	447,280*	436,870	+ 0.8	+ 3.2
Manufacturing	92,870*	92,500*	94,290	+ 0.4	- 1.5
Nonmanufacturing	358,190	354,780	342,580	+ 1.0	+ 4.6
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	41,810	41,520	40,320	+ 0.7	+ 3.7
Manufacturing	10,470	10,450	9,960	+ 0.2	+ 5.1
Nonmanufacturing	31,340	31,070	30,360	+ 0.9	+ 3.2
LOWER RIVER					
Total Nonag. Empl.	13,050	12,910	12,790	+ 1.1	+ 2.0
Manufacturing	4,590	4,590	4,770	0.0	- 3.8
Nonmanufacturing	8,460	8,320	8,020	+ 1.7	+ 5.5
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	62,980	62,330	62,300	+ 1.0	+ 1.1
Manufacturing	22,390	22,450	23,520	- 0.3	- 4.8
Nonmanufacturing	40,590	39,880	38,780	+ 1.8	+ 4.7
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	238,260	235,810	233,660	+ 1.0	+ 2.0
Manufacturing	47,190	46,600	48,770	+ 1.3	- 3.2
Nonmanufacturing	191,070	189,210	184,890	+ 1.0	+ 3.3
NEW LONDON-NORWICH**					
Total Nonag. Empl.	113,110	112,350	112,320	+ 0.7	+ 0.7
Manufacturing	34,890	34,760	35,600	+ 0.4	- 2.0
Nonmanufacturing	78,220	77,590	76,720	+ 0.8	+ 2.0
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Empl.	70,660	70,090	69,010	+ 0.8	+ 2.4
Manufacturing	21,360	21,400	21,600	- 0.2	- 1.1
Nonmanufacturing	49,300	48,690	47,410	+ 1.2	+ 4.0
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	121,870	120,860	118,760	+ 0.8	+ 2.6
Manufacturing	27,350	27,470	28,990	- 0.4	- 5.6
Nonmanufacturing	94,520	93,390	89,770	+ 1.2	+ 5.3

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)

Statistical Area	Mar.'86	Feb.'86	Mar.'85(R)	Percent Change to Mar.'86 from: Feb.'86	Mar.'85
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	29,690	29,590	28,930	+ 0.2	+ 2.4
Manufacturing	7,050	7,250	7,260	0.0	- 2.9
Nonmanufacturing	22,640	22,340	21,670	+ 1.3	+ 4.5
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	84,490	84,130	85,320	+ 0.4	+ 1.0
Manufacturing	27,520	27,640	29,440	- 0.4	- 6.5
Nonmanufacturing	56,970	56,490	55,880	+ 0.8	+ 2.0
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,830	22,410	21,770	+ 1.9	+ 4.9
Manufacturing	1,730	1,730	1,950	0.0	- 11.3
Nonmanufacturing	21,100	20,680	19,820	+ 2.0	+ 6.4

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

** The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are a part of the New London-Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the estimates.

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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar. 1986	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985	Mar. 1986	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985	Mar. 1986	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985
Bridgeport	$423.12	$418.41	$418.32	41.2	40.9	41.5	$10.27	$10.23	$10.08
Bristol	455.34	462.93	434.29	42.2	42.2	41.4	10.79	10.97	10.49
Danbury	395.40	391.92	390.71	42.7	42.6	43.9	9.26	9.20	8.90
Danielson	358.56	351.94	353.62	41.5	40.5	41.7	8.64	8.69	8.48
Hartford	430.50	427.98	421.60	42.0	42.0	42.5	10.25	10.19	9.92
Middletown	453.20	456.23	464.81	41.2	41.4	43.4	11.00	11.02	10.71
Lower River	328.03	315.61	320.99	40.8	39.5	41.1	8.04	7.99	7.81
New Britain	428.45	429.06	402.48	41.8	41.9	42.1	10.25	10.24	9.56
New Haven	395.62	387.69	371.87	41.6	41.2	41.0	9.51	9.41	9.07
New London-Norwich*	452.09	425.18	436.15	41.4	38.9	40.8	10.92	10.93	10.69
Norwalk	407.18	410.94	398.04	40.8	41.3	42.3	9.98	9.95	9.41
Stamford	428.07	410.22	392.28	41.2	40.1	42.5	10.39	10.23	9.23
Torrington	318.11	318.94	312.06	41.1	41.1	42.0	7.74	7.76	7.43
Waterbury	364.93	361.09	340.85	43.6	43.4	43.2	8.37	8.32	7.89
Willimantic	384.62	385.53	376.71	42.5	42.6	43.3	9.05	9.05	8.70

*The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are a part of the New London-Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the estimates.

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the statistical areas generally take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment		Personal Income Millions
	Actual (R)	Seas. Adj. (R)	Actual	Seas. Adj. (R)	Actual (R)	Seas. Adj. (R)	Seasonally Adj. (R)
1985							
Jan....	1532.2	1553.1	7209	4829	5.5	4.8	4452.5
Feb....	1529.7	1553.2	3943	4743	5.6	5.0	4481.3
Mar....	1543.2	1558.8	3375	4654	5.1	4.8	4484.8
Apr....	1557.3	1559.4	3827	4605	4.9	4.9	4480.4
May....	1567.6	1560.7	3513	4634	4.8	5.0	4490.8
Jun....	1582.7	1564.3	4468	4672	5.0	5.1	4506.2
Jul....	1564.0	1570.0	6658	4592	5.3	5.2	4521.6
Aug....	1569.8	1585.9	4360	4831	4.8	5.0	4564.7
Sep....	1583.6	1573.9	2685	4095	4.3	4.8	4579.8
Oct....	1592.7	1581.5	3508	4532	4.2	4.7	4607.5
Nov....	1598.0	1582.6	3484	3889	4.2	4.5	4635.7
Dec....	1601.2	1580.8	6828	3943	4.6	4.6	4652.6
1986							
Jan....	1571.1	1591.8	7749	5190	4.5	3.9	4690.4
Feb....	1568.5	1592.4	3936	4736	4.3	3.8	4717.9
Mar....	1581.1	1597.1	3240	4469	4.0	3.8	4728.8
Apr....							
May....							
Jun....							
Jul....							
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj. (R)	Actual	Seas. Adj. (R)	Actual (R)	Seas. Adj. (R)
1985						
Jan....	8869	10738	42.4	42.3	128.6	124.2
Feb....	10792	14910	42.3	42.3	127.8	123.7
Mar....	20947	18643	42.1	42.1	128.8	123.9
Apr....	17866	19346	41.8	41.8	127.7	122.8
May....	16611	15787	41.6	41.7	125.6	121.4
Jun....	13322	11205	41.8	41.9	126.7	122.8
Jul....	14158	16062	41.5	41.7	105.7	122.2
Aug....	15383	13216	41.2	41.6	107.8	122.9
Sep....	17175	15667	41.6	41.7	126.4	123.2
Oct....	23513	24287	41.7	41.7	127.4	124.0
Nov....	11821	10058	42.3	42.0	129.5	124.0
Dec....	11690	13543	42.6	42.1	115.6	122.4
1986						
Jan....	17276	20915	42.2	42.2	129.8	125.3
Feb....	11526	15920	41.7	41.7	128.5	124.4
Mar....	11124	9897	41.9	41.9	129.9	125.0
Apr....						
May....						
Jun....						
Jul....						
Aug....						
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

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CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid (000)	Employer Contributions Collected (000)
1971	69,403	$ 229,238	$ 63,191
1972	51,737	161,851	92,681
1973	36,314	117,610	114,163
1974	49,255	163,258	124,859
1975	83,971	298,345	140,940
1976	67,864	238,013	164,922
1977	53,699	193,150	177,719
1978	37,220	138,351	189,892
1979	30,876	114,926	181,376
1980	37,463	163,644	174,402
1981	36,507	173,725	167,840
1982	47,952	262,962	183,733
1983	40,251	232,255	201,578
1984	25,428	154,180	238,511
1985	26,449	177,887	249,065
Jan'85	35,726	$ 19,865	$ 7,284
Feb	34,383	19,148	16,465
Mar	31,626	17,506	725
Apr	26,482	15,989	23,796
May	23,399	13,640	108,676
Jun	23,058	11,704	1,253
Jul	28,166	16,390	19,981
Aug	28,186	13,961	39,050
Sep	21,757	11,923	886
Oct	19,713	12,005	9,898
Nov	20,113	10,774	20,391
Dec	24,780	14,978	658
Jan'86	39,301	21,606	7,426
Feb	33,020	19,053	16,808
Mar	30,986	19,496	714
Apr			
May			
Jun			
Jul			
Aug			
Sep			
Oct			
Nov			
Dec			

*Interest bearing

Federal Loans (000)	
1972	$ 31,800
1973	21,700
1974	8,500
1975	203,000
1976	137,000
1977	75,000
1978	37,000
1983	63,806*

Direct Loan Repayments (000)	
1976	$ 26,000
1977	27,300
1978	37,300
1979	39,600
1984	30,876
1985	32,930

Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction (000)	
1975	$ 12,906
1981	46,537
1982	49,496
1983	53,975
1984	57,349
1985	61,138
1986 (thru 3/31/86)	23,713

Total Outstanding Loans - (3/31/86)

Non-interest bearing:
$ 78,350,758

Interest bearing:
$ 0

Ct. UC Trust Fund Reserve - (3/31/86)
$116.6 million

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Connecticut's employment ranks continued to swell in April with more people working than ever before and unemployment dropping to a 17-year low of 3.6 percent, State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro reports. Improvements were also recorded in other segments of the economy, with record personal income and hourly wages of factory workers.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Overall employment at an all-time high of 1,597,600 reflected a monthly increase of 16,500 jobs and 40,300 over the April 1985 figure (page 2). Continued hiring in the non-factory sector offset a decline in manufacturing where workers idled by labor/management disputes was evident. Nonmanufacturing payrolls reached 1,190,800, largely from monthly employment boosts in services (up 5,500), construction (+5,200) and trade (+4,500). Smaller gains were in transportation, finance, insurance and real estate and government.

The April manufacturing workweek average of 41.9 hours was unchanged but hourly earnings were up to a new high of $9.86, two-cents above March and 36-cents higher than last year (page 3). Weekly factory wages also increased to $413.13 which compared with March's average of $412.30 and $398.05 a year earlier. Weekly straight-time wages of $377.60 and $9.44 an hour were slightly higher than March and compared with $363.20 and $9.08 in 1985. Among the major labor market areas in the state, workers in Bridgeport earned the highest weekly wage at $431.57, followed by the Hartford area, $430.50; New Haven, $388.14 and Waterbury, $347.75 (page 6).

Unemployment: Joblessness dropped by 5,200 to 62,600 in April and the rate from 4 percent to 3.6 (page 4), the lowest since 1969. In April 1985 there were 82,800 people unemployed for a 4.9 percent rate. The monthly decline resulted in a lower seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 3.6 percent, down from 3.8 in March and 4.9 percent last year. Included in the unemployment estimate are people receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits expired and those entering or reentering the labor force. Substantial improvement in unemployment was recorded over the year in each of the state's 15 areas. There were 25,800 continued claims for unemployment insurance benefits in mid-April compared with 33,900 in March.

Other Indicators: In other sections of the economy, personal income of state residents set a new record of more than $4 billion, 739-million, new automobile registrations increased significantly and there was little change in manufacturing output.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household, self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985(R)	% Change Apr. '86 over Mar. '86	% Change Apr. '86 over Apr. '85
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,597,600*	1,581,100*	1,557,300	+ 1.0	+ 2.6
Manufacturing.....	406,800*	407,600*	415,500	- 0.2	- 2.1
Durable.....	303,500*	304,700*	313,000	- 0.4	- 3.0
Lumber & Furniture.....	7,700	7,800	7,400	- 1.3	+ 4.1
Primary Metals.....	13,800	13,900	15,000	- 0.7	- 8.0
Fabricated Metals.....	46,800*	46,800*	50,300	0.0	- 7.0
Machinery exc. Elec.....	47,700	47,900	51,500	- 0.4	- 7.4
Electrical Equipment....	60,100	60,200	61,000	- 0.2	- 1.5
Transportation Equipment	84,700	84,800	83,900	- 0.1	+ 1.0
Instruments & Clocks....	27,400	27,800	27,900	- 1.4	- 1.8
Other Durable.....	15,300*	15,500	16,000	- 1.3	- 4.4
Nondurable.....	103,300	102,900*	102,500	+ 0.4	+ 0.8
Food.....	13,300	13,200	13,100	+ 0.8	+ 1.5
Textiles.....	5,900	5,800	5,900	+ 1.7	0.0
Apparel.....	9,300	9,400*	9,400	- 1.1	- 1.1
Paper.....	9,800	9,700	9,800	- 1.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing...	27,400	27,500	26,900	- 0.4	+ 1.9
Chemicals.....	23,100	23,100	22,500	0.0	+ 2.7
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	13,100	12,800	13,400	+ 2.3	- 2.2
Other Nondurable.....	1,400	1,400	1,500	0.0	- 6.7
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,190,800	1,173,500	1,141,800	+ 1.5	+ 4.3
Construction & Mining....	70,100	64,900	64,200	+ 8.0	+ 9.2
Transportation.....	38,000	37,300	36,400	+ 1.9	+ 4.4
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	14,200	14,100	13,900	+ 0.7	+ 2.2
Other Transportation....	23,800	23,200	22,500	+ 2.6	+ 5.8
Communications.....	19,700	19,700	19,500	0.0	+ 1.0
Utilities.....	12,700	12,600	12,600	+ 0.8	+ 0.8
Trade.....	355,200	350,700	340,400	+ 1.3	+ 4.3
Wholesale.....	83,600	82,500	81,900	+ 1.3	+ 2.1
Retail.....	271,600	268,200	258,500	+ 1.3	+ 5.1
General Merchandise....	34,900	35,200	33,200	- 0.9	+ 5.1
Food Stores.....	49,000	48,700	46,400	+ 0.6	+ 5.6
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	30,700	30,300	29,000	+ 1.3	+ 5.9
Restaurants.....	80,000	77,700	76,800	+ 3.0	+ 4.2
Other Retail Trade.....	77,000	76,300	73,100	+ 0.9	+ 5.3
Finance, Ins. &..R.E.....	135,800	134,800	127,800	+ 0.7	+ 6.3
Banking.....	30,700	30,500	29,000	+ 0.7	+ 5.9
Insurance.....	74,700	74,400	71,000	+ 0.4	+ 5.2
Real Estate.....	13,200	12,700	11,800	+ 3.9	+ 11.9
Other Fin.,Ins. & R.E...	17,200	17,200	16,000	0.0	+ 7.5
Services.....	365,200	359,700	349,700	+ 1.5	+ 4.4
Hotels.....	10,200	9,600	8,900	+ 6.2	+ 14.6
Personal Services.....	18,100	18,000	17,500	+ 0.6	+ 3.4
Business Services.....	81,900	81,100	77,000	+ 1.0	+ 6.4
Health Services.....	113,700	113,100	110,700	+ 0.5	+ 2.7
Law & Professional.....	28,600	28,200	26,500	+ 1.4	+ 7.9
Educational Services....	35,000	34,800	33,400	+ 0.6	+ 4.8
Other Services.....	77,700	74,900	75,700	+ 3.7	+ 2.6
Government.....	194,100	193,800	191,200	+ 0.2	+ 1.5
Federal.....	23,400	23,500	22,900	- 0.4	+ 2.2
State & Local.....	170,700	170,300	168,300	+ 0.2	+ 1.4

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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